



PROGRAM GOAL

- Davidson County residents (ages 14 and up) will vote on a ballot of 35 items for improvement projects across the county.

PROGRAM PHASES

- Idea Collection
- Steering Committee Formation
- Budget Process
- Voting
- Project Implementation

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WHAT IS PARTICIPATORY BUDGETING?

Participatory Budgeting (PB) is a chance for communities to decide together how government money is spent. The process is simple: craft infrastructure improvements or project ideas and then vote on which ideas to invest in for your neighborhood.

WHY IS THERE A CITYWIDE PB IN 2023?

In 2021 and 2022, the Mayor's Office allocated \$2,000,000 in the Capital Spending Plan (CSP) funds (each year) to be distributed within the Bordeaux and North Nashville region. In 2023, the city has expanded the Participatory Budgeting Cycle to all of Nashville and Davidson County. In 2023, \$10 million in American Rescue Plan (ARP) funds will be used for a citywide Participatory Budgeting cycle. Metro Nashville Council unanimously approved the funding in January 2023.

PROJECT PHASES OVERVIEW

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Idea Collection - February to June

- Ideas can be submitted by all **Davidson County Residents** (ages 14 and up).
- Ideas must present a clear public benefit.
- Residents can submit as many ideas as they would like.

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Steering Committee Formation - February to May

- A volunteer group of community members will compose the **Steering Committee**.
- The Steering Committee oversees decision-making throughout the 2023 Participatory Budgeting cycle.
- They begin their work by creating the **Participatory Budgeting Guidelines** – the document they will use to guide the process from start to finish.

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Budget Process - June to August

- **Budget Delegates** are tasked with preparing the ballot of possible projects.
- All submitted projects will be reviewed by the delegates based on the criteria outlined in the Guidelines as determined by the **Steering Committee**.
- **Budget Delegates** will be working with outside parties to ensure ballot items can be accomplished and to determine dollar amounts.
- Once the ballot is prepared – it will be sent to the **Steering Committee** for approval.
- Following the Steering Committee's Approval – the ballot will go live and voting will begin.

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Voting - October to November

- **All Davidson County Residents** (ages 14 and up) can vote one time for a total of 5 ballot items.
- The only information needed to cast a ballot is a name and address.
- Voting can be done online or by paper ballot.
- Voters can pick from ballot items across Davidson County.
- **NOTE:** Not all ideas on the ballot will be funded – only the top-voted items up to the allotted amount will be approved for funding.

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Project Implementation - December

- The top-voted projects up to the allocated amount of funds will be approved by the **Steering Committee** for funding.
- Approved projects will then be posted for public notice and funds for their delivery will be administered by the **Mayor's Office** to the relevant body.